



Centennial Community and Recreation Association

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Communication to Scarborough Community Council

Re: Highland Creek Village Area Study

Dear Councillors,

The Centennial Community and Recreation Association (CCRA) is one of the GTA's oldest continuously-running community associations (63 years old this year!). The CCRA represents Centennial Scarborough, a beautiful neighbourhood in the eastern edge of Toronto that is home to some of Toronto's most cherished parks and waterfront trails.

The following are comments from the Centennial Community and Recreation Association (CCRA) regarding the Highland Creek Village Area Study.

1. We strongly object to the road plan proposed in the study, particularly providing right-only access from Meadowvale Road and the removal of the Lawson Road bridge. In previous studies, this association has strongly opposed the opening of Meadowvale Road and we believe these road changes would lead to this result. We question how the removal of the bridge will alleviate traffic flow. With increased development and population growth, traffic would only increase with no bridge.
2. We object to the plan to allow apartment buildings up to 8 stories high in areas directly adjacent to our community. These buildings are incompatible with the surrounding community. A smaller scale of development is more appropriate with the desired "country feel" character of Highland Creek. Alternatives to high density should be more thoroughly explored to achieve goals of housing affordability, housing diversity and community and business revitalization.
3. The overall plan envisions a much higher population density than surrounding communities with few amenities to support it. Concerns exist with respect to increased traffic flow and inadequate public transit.
4. With the type of buildings being proposed and the close proximity to the University of Toronto Scarborough campus, the proposed plan could lead to an oversaturation of student housing.
5. We urge you to amend the plan to address our association's concerns. We strongly urge you to direct planning staff to revise the plan to better reflect the wishes of the community.

Sincerely,

Jeff Forsyth, President

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